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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SR Division

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SUBJECT

CERNIUS, Jonas

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- 1. Reference is made to your memorandum (SR/O/AC-65-123), dated 13 August 1965, requesting inquiries to identify one fnu CERNIUS, residing in Palos Verdes, California. You also later requested, verbally, that we attempt to determine the current location for Jonas CERNIUS, the former Lithuanian General.
- 2. Attached hereto are two reports dated 31 August and 2 September 1965 reflecting the results of our inquiries which appear to answer your questions.
- 3. This information is forwarded in response to your request for data concerning the Subject and does not constitute a clearance of any kind or authorize his use in any capacity. This information should not be disseminated outside Headquarters without prior coordination with the Office of Security. No further action will be taken in this matter unless otherwise requested by you.

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Reports dated 31 Aug & 2 Sep 1965

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SYNOPSIS

At Flint, Michigan: Credit Bureau records and directories reflect that Jonas CERNIUS has been employed as a Designer at Century Engineering and Design Company, Flint, Michigan, since approximately February 1963. He resides at 3722 Whittier Street, Flint, No current information from recordsources available this area regarding his son. Newspaper clippings reflect that SUBJECT'S son under the name Vytautas J. CERNIUS received a B. A. Degree from Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, in June 1953 and under the name John V. CERNIUS received an M. S. Degree in Engineering from Dartmouth in June1954.

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At Flint, Michigan

On 26 August 1965, records at the Credit Bureau of Flint, Capital Theatre Building, were examined. These records reflect that Jonas CERNIUS, married to Veronica, has been known to the file since 1955. Since that date he has resided at 3722 Whittier Street, Flint, Michigan, and previously resided at 2818 Maryland, Flint, Michigan. In June 1963, he had been employed by the Cantury Engineering and Design Company, Flint, Michigan, for a period of approximately four months. He had previously been employed at the AC Spark Plug, Flint, Michigan. According to this file he was born 6 January 1898. His trade is satisfactory.

These files failed to reflect any file in the name of the SUBJECT'S son, Vytautas CERNIUS, also known as John Vytas CERNIUS.

On 26 August 1965, a review of the 1964 edition of Polk's City Directory for the City of Flint, Michigan, reflects that a Jonas CERNIUS, married to Veronica, is employed as a Designer at the Century Engineering and Design Company. He resides at 3722 Whittier Street, Flint, Michigan. There was nothing in this directory referring to the SIMBJECT'S son under any of his known names.

A review of Polk's City Directory for the years 1955 through 1959 reflects that the SUBJECT has resided at the above address since 1955. The 1955 edition reflects the SUBJECT'S residence at 2618 Maryland, Flint, Michigan. All editions of the directories from 1955 through 1959 reflects the SUBJECT'S employment at the AC Spark Plug Company.

On 26 August 1965, files contained in the Reference Library, Flint Journal, a newspaper, were examined. These files contained various newspaper clippings dated from 1951 through 1954 regarding SUBJECT. In these clippings it was indicated that he had testified before a House of Representatives Committee in Detroit, is former Prime Minister and Chief of Staff of the Army of his native Lithuania, is active in local Lithuanian affairs and has given speeches to various groups in Flint.

These files further contained a clipping dated June 1953 in which it was indicated that Vytautas J. CERNIUS, residing at 2618 Maryland, Flint, Michigan, was to receive a B. A. Degree at

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Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire. An additional clipping dated 7 June 1954 reflected that John V. CFRNIUS, residing at 2618 Maryland Avenue, Flint, Michigan, received an M. S. Degree in Electrical Engineering from the Thayer School of Engineering, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire.

On 26 August 1965, records at the Police Department, were examined in the name of the SUBJECT and his son with negative results.

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GENERAL

At Los Angeles, California:

On 25 August 1965, the records of the Registrar of Voters, Los Angeles County, were examined, and no information appeared therein concerning Jonas CERNIUS. These records disclosed that John V. CERNIUS of 32451 Searaven Drive, Palos Verdes Peninsula. California, was born in Lithuania, is 5 11½" in height, is an engineer, and became a naturalized United States citizen in January 1954 in Lebanon, New Hampshire. One Eugenia CERNIUS, of the same address (probably wife of John V. CERNIUS) was shown as having been born in Lithuania, and to have been naturalized in Alexandria, Virginia (date not shown).

On 26 August 1965, Ethel S. HEYER, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 300 North Los Angeles Street, advised their records contained no information concerning Jonas CERNIUS, Vytautas CERNIUS, or John V. CERNIUS.

On 26 August 1965, Marh REINHART, Retail Merchants Association, 417 South Hill Street, advised their records disclosed no information on a Jonas CERNIUS. They did show John V. CERNIUS, presently of 32451 Searaven Drive, Palos Verdes Peninsula, California, as having an excellent credit rating. He formerly resided at 102 North Holliston Street, Pasadena, California, 1961 to 1963. He was employed from June 1957 to March 1961 as a field engineer for Emerson Research Laboratories.

On 26 August 1965, Confidential Informant R-l at the General Telephone Company, Santa Monica, California, advised that the records of this company disclosed that one John V. CERNIUS was granted service in July 1963 at his present address; he had moved from 102 North Holliston Street, Apartment 11, Pasadena, California. He then listed his employment as Department Manager, Marshall Laboratories, 3530 Torrance Boulevard, Torrance, California. He listed references, when making application for a phone as follows: Jonas CERNIUS (probably his father, according to source), and George BARR, a friend at the Marshall Laboratories.

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